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REPORT.

Whole amount of taxes committed to the Collector for 1881, $6,576.16

The Collector has discharged himself as follows:

Paid town treasurer cash and road certificates,	$5,612.74
Amount remaining due from collector for 1881,	963.42
Whole amount of cash on hand, abatements, &c., received by the treasurer from March, 1, 1881, to March 1, 1882,	9,740.46
Amount of payments for the same time as above,	7,717.80
Balance in hands of treasurer, March 1, 1882,	2,022.66

RECEIPTS.

Balance in hands of treasurer, March 1, 1881,	$1,292.34
Received of M. B. Neal, collector for 1880,	656.40
J. H. Lyford, " 1881,	5,612.74
State treasurer, railroad tax,	174.37
" savings bank tax,	1,009.48
" literary fund,	94.60
Merrimack county,	200.53
on note of town to Mary E. Heath,	200.00
" " Edward Osgood,	400.00
" " Charles M. Emery,	100.00
	$9,740.46

EXPENDITURES.

Payment on Notes.

Paid J. S. Elkins, F. W. B. Society note,	$33.13
Edward Osgood,	410.66
Grover Merrill,	60.00
Alvin N. Pickard,	141.36
Mary A. Kilton,	50.00

(The remainder transferred by note to Cora.)

Paid James S. Elkins,	$100.00
Sally and Eliza Randall,	200.00
William Whitcher,	440.28
C. F. Adams,	25.00
Louisa Whidden,	469.16
Eunice Morse,	28.66
(The remainder transferred to Leroy and Mary E. Glines.)	
Silas Q. Heath,	104.96
Phebe S. Cofran,	577.02
	$2,640.23

Miscellaneous Bills.

Paid by O. W. Dow after report of 1881.

Paid A. B. Clough, for load of wood,	$1.90
M. B. Neal, Mrs. Reynolds's tax of 1878, received,	4.15
A. H. Brown, postage and registration of package,	.55
W. H. Chaplain, shovelling out drifts,	1.50
E. Osgood, breaking road in Arlin district,	2.00
expressage on town reports,	.35
	$10.45
Paid E. C. Eastman, for blank books and surveyors' warrants,	$5.00
C. C. Pearson, printing town reports,	30.00
W. A. Bucklin, returning births and deaths,	1.00
John James, lighting Boscawen bridge, '80 and '81,	12.00
John Snyder, school-house tax, 1880,	25.00
O. W. Dow, services as selectmen after report of 1881,	6.00
N. Butler, road case,	.50
C. W. Emery, surveying road near A. Gleason's,	2.00
E. C. Eastman, order and receipt book,	1.50
E. E. Graves, returning births and deaths,	1.75
S. C. Pickard, moderator, March, 1881,	1.25
John Glines, cow that died,	.25
A. S. Bronson, returning births and deaths,	2.00
E. C. Eastman, for warrants,	.30
N. S. Gale, lantern and fixtures,	1.30
Thompson Beck, for young cattle that died,	.34
W. H. Fowler, for injuries on highway,	10.00
A. H. Brown, paper and envelopes,	1.51
" " returning births, deaths, and marriages,	8.25
A. H. Brown, for spikes,	3.75

Paid Charles Peverly, overtax in 1880,	$12.11
" " 1881,	14.33
County tax,	1,431.00
J. M. Foster, interest on B. Whidden fund,	8.00
" " school-house tax, Dist. No. 7,	20.91
M. F. Emery, for postage,	1.00
	$1,611.50

Bounties on Hawks.

Paid Moses Haynes,	$ .20
C. H. Pillsbury,	.20
Charles Beck,	.20
Shepard Phillips,	7.40
B. B. Nudd,	.20
T. McDaniel,	.60
Cyrus Jones,	.40
Robert Smith,	.20
Henry Hayward,	.20
	$9.60

Roads and Bridges

Paid S. K. Boyce, snowing bridge,	$7.00
Jeremiah Smith, breaking roads, spring of 1881,	2.00
W. H. Chaplain, " "	9.12
John Small, " "	6.25
B. B. Nudd, " "	2.00
E. E. Pickard, " "	3.00
C. W. Whitcher, " "	2.00
T. S. Tucker, " "	2.50
E. Osgood, poles and posts,	16.00
" breaking Arlin road,	3.50
S. C. Pickard, work on Boscawen bridge,	7.50
" railing road,	2.50
P. C. Clough, bridge plank,	4.89
" stringers and railing,	2.80
B. B. Nudd, building water-course,	5.00
J. C. Weymouth, labor on road,	1.00
A. J. Dearborn, breaking roads, spring of 1881,	1.30
" work on Fisherville bridge,	1.50
" plank for "	2.54
" work and posts, &c., Cool brook,	4.50
	$86.90

Support of Paupers.

Joseph Faulkner, county charge,	$7.00
Francis Whitcher, "	42.00
Polly Shaw, "	119.22
George Roberts,	29.24
Mrs. William Avery,	3.07
John B. Carter, Jr., town charge,	47.38
Geo. A. Sargent, "	2.73
M. F. Emery, overseer of poor,	19.73
	$270.43

Water on Highways.

Paid Charles Glines, to April 1, 1882,	$3.00
Edward Osgood, "	3.00
Joseph Heath, "	3.00
Philip C. Clough, "	3.00
James Doldt, "	1.50
M. B. Neal, agent, "	3.00
	$16.50

School Money.

District No. 1, Samuel Gilman,	$165.63
" 2, Silas Q. Heath,	74.14
" 3, Howard Sanborn,	106.59
" 4, Frank P. Dow,	119.94
" 5, Myron C. Foster,	106.44
" 6, Joseph K. Hancock,	117.37
" 7, Alfred H. Brown,	254.81
" 8, James S. Kaime,	139.15
" 9, John Ingalls,	31.90
" 10, Charles N. Clough,	67.72
" 11, Caroline M. Heath,	57.34
" 12, Jeremiah Cogswell,	52.73
" 7, (Loudon) A. C. Batchelder,	14.20
" 20, (Concord) Henry Rolfe,	4.72
	$1,312.68

Selectmen's Account.

M. F. Emery,	
Addressing and distributing warrants, 3½ days,	$4.38
On inventory, 6 "	7.50
At office, 27½ "	34.38

Away from office,	10½ days,	$13.13
Horse-hire,		8.50
		$67.89

G. W. Lake,

Addressing and distributing warrants,	3½ days,	$4.38
On inventory,	6 "	7.50
At office,	25½ "	31.88
Away from office,	6½ "	8.12
Horse-hire,		5.75
		$57.63

A. J. Dearborn,

Addressing and distributing warrants,	3 days,	$3.75
On inventory,	6 "	7.50
Away from office,	4 "	5.00
At office,	24 "	30.00
Horse-hire,		6.00
		$52.25

Town Officers.

Paid J. E. Kimball, services as supervisor,	3 days,	$3.75
Chas. Rafferty, " "	"	3.75
John P. Kimball, " "	5 "	6.25
A. H. Brown, clerk,		25.00
Joseph M. Foster, treasurer,		30.00
John H. Lyford, collector,		65.76
M. F. Emery, selectman,		67.89
G. W. Lake, "		57.63
A. J. Dearborn, "		52.25
J. G. Clough, auditor,	2 days,	2.50
O. W. Dow, "	"	2.50
		$317.28

Paid state tax,		$1,272.00
abatements on taxes,		68.95
non-resident highway receipts,		55.23
		$1,396.18

Damage to Sheep by Dogs, allowed Spring of 1881.

Paid Leonard Colby,	$3.50
Smith L. Morrill,	6.00
Sumner A. Dow,	10.00

Paid Charles H. Ayers,	$3.00
Edward Osgood,	27.00
Luther Sargent,	3.00
Nahum Blanchard,	4.00
	$56.50

Recapitulation.

Bounties on hawks,	$9.60
School money,	1,312.68
Support of paupers,	270.43
Water on highways,	16.50
Payment on notes,	2,640.23
Miscellaneous,	1,611.50
Town officers,	317.28
Roads and bridges,	86.90
State tax, non-resident highway receipts, and abatements,	1,396.18
Damage to sheep by dogs,	56.50
	$7,717.80

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN, MAR. 1, 1882.

Notes and Interest.

Mittie C. Emery,	$337.76
John Glines,	223.91
Sarah A. Evans,	52.58
Lydia Carter,	92.60
Joseph H. Carter,	55.76
Joseph Pickard,	175.69
Mary E. Clough,	188.36
Mary E. Cawley,	206.85
Mary E. Clough,	168.52
George H. Ingalls,	149.94
Cora J. Kilton,	69.46
Jonathan K. Taylor,	69.70
Mary M. Currier,	346.02
Luther Sargent,	227.90
Tristram Dearborn,	84.37
Charles M. Emery,	339.66
Almon J. Small,	5.71
Walter M. Small,	9.11
James A. Simpson,	352.21
Judith Peverly,	167.85
Nellie A. Dow,	15.28
Joseph M. Foster,	108.16

Andrew J. Taylor,		$506.37
James S. Elkins, treasurer F. W. B. Society,		1,297.53
Thomas Clough, guardian,		175.03
Shepard Phillips,		1,567.74
Fred W. Ingalls,		190.48
Cora J. Kilton,		167.65
Sally and Eliza Randall,		2,453.34
James S. Elkins,		686.46
Grover Merrill,		269.56
Charles F. Adams,		40.47
Mary E. Heath,		205.38
Charles M. Emery,		102.50
Mary A. Glines,		65.74
Leroy Glines,		25.28
		$11,200.93
Due from Collector Lyford,	$963.42	
treasurer,	2,022.66	
Stephen Wiggin,	41.50	
John E. Rines,	6.00	
J. F. Langmaid,	8.00	
D. M. Clough, costs to road case,	54.57	
		$3,096.15
Balance against the town,		$8,104.78
Amount of literary fund,		$1,305.58
Held in trust from B. Whidden estate,		$200.00

MILLARD F. EMERY,
GEORGE W. LAKE,
ALVAH J. DEARBORN,
Selectmen of Canterbury.

JOSEPH M. FOSTER,
Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, appointed to audit the accounts of the selectmen and treasurer for the year ending March 1, 1882, have attended to our duty, and find said accounts correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOSEPH G. CLOUGH,
OLWYN W. DOW.

SCHOOL REPORT.

District No. 1 *(Blanchard)*.

Summer term taught by Miss Etta F. Heath. Number of weeks, 10; number of pupils, 26; average attendance, 21; wages per month $18.60. The school appeared well at both visits made by your committee, and, so far as we have been able to judge, those scholars who attended regularly made good progress. Miss Heath is an experienced teacher and well known in town, therefore needs no word of commendation from us.

Fall term taught by Miss Carrie E. Moore of Gilmanton. Number of pupils, 21; average attendance, 16; wages per month, $21.60. The school appeared well when visited at the commencement of the term, but on account of illness of both teacher and scholars, it was closed in the middle of the sixth week, without an examination. This was Miss Moore's second term, and although she did not meet with that success we could wish in this district, we are confident that under more favorable circumstances she will yet be among our first-class teachers.

Winter term taught by Miss Georgie E. Stevens of Deerfield. Number of weeks, 10 2-5; number of pupils, 22; average attendance, 15; wages per month, $25.60. The school opened fairly at its commencement, but not being informed at its time of closing, we made only one visit, consequently cannot report the progress.

Mrs. Stephen E. Gale.

District No. 2 *(West Road)*.

Both terms were taught by Miss Mary L. Melifant, a graduate from the high school at Concord, N. H. Length of summer term, 6 weeks; number of pupils, 14; average attendance, 13; wages per month, $15. Although the term was short, and this was Miss Melifant's first school, by her kindness and winning ways she made it both pleasant and profitable.

Length of winter term, 11 2-5 weeks; number of pupils, 12; average attendance, 10; wages per month, $15. This was the longest winter term of school we have had for several years. Miss Melifant again labored faithfully for the good of her pupils, and we can truly say that those under her instruction gave evidence that they had improved their time in a manner perfectly satisfactory. Each pupil seemed to understand fully what he had been doing, and the recitations in all the branches were good. It was the mind of the district to employ a female teacher for this term. Permit us to say that we think a male teacher is needed in this school. Some may think that because the school is small, a male teacher is not necessary; but boys from ten to fifteen years of age need the instruction of a male teacher more than at any other period of their school-life, and it is the duty of parents to place them under the care of both male and female teachers. Give more of the young men in town a chance to show their ability in teaching, and no doubt they would do honor to their calling.

Elizabeth C. Moore.

District No. 3 *(Borough)*.

Summer term taught by Miss Minnie F. Gale. Number of weeks, 9; number of pupils 10; average attendance, 7; wages per month, $20. We were pleased with the appearance of the school at the beginning of the term, and have been informed that very commendable progress was made. We were unable to be present at the closing exercises.

Fall term taught by Mr. Geo. S. Rollins. Number of weeks, 12; number of pupils, 8; average attendance, 6; wages per month, $17. This was Mr. R.'s first experience as teacher. Progress was medium; order was good.

Chas. F. Jones.

District No. 4 *(Baptist).*

Fall term taught by Miss Mary A. Seavey, of Epsom. Number of weeks, 8; number of pupils, 9; average attendance, 8; wages per month, $24. Miss Seavey was very thorough in her manner of teaching, and her pupils were orderly and well disposed. Both teacher and pupils worked hard, and a good degree of improvement was the result.

Winter term taught by Miss Minnie A. Bachelder, of Chichester, a teacher of considerable experience. Number of weeks, 8; number of pupils, 11; average attendance, 10; wages per month, $30. Miss Bachelder fully sustained her reputation of being a successful teacher. A good degree of interest was manifested, and good improvement was made.

Mrs. F. P. Dow.

District No. 5 *(Hackleborough).*

Fall term taught by Miss Jennie L. Cochran, of Walpole. Number of weeks, 7; number of pupils, 15; average attendance, 14; wages per month, $21.60.

Winter term was taught by the same teacher. Number of weeks, 10; number of pupils, 16; average attendance, 15; wages per month, $26. Good improvement was made.

Chas. F. Jones.

District No. 6 *(Hill's Corner).*

Both terms were taught by Miss Ella C. Hancock. Length of summer term, 9 weeks; number of pupils, 12; average attendance, 10; wages per month, $22.22.

Length of winter term, 9 weeks; number of pupils, 13; average attendance, 11; wages per month, $27.86. This was Miss Hancock's first experience as a teacher. The school was taken with a determination to succeed, and the result was satisfactory. All classes made good progress. The declamations and recitations were very good.

Mrs. Sarah E. Small.

District No. 7 *(Centre).*

Length of summer term, 10 weeks; number of pupils, 30; average attendance, 24; wages per month, $28

Length of fall term, 10 weeks; number of pupils, 35; average attendance, 25; wages per month, $28.

Length of winter term, 10 weeks; number of pupils, 38; average attendance, 24; wages per month, $30.

The three terms were taught by Miss May L. Philbrick, of Deerfield. The discipline was good, the scholarship accurate and thorough, and the school was a marked success.

Mary E. Clough.

District No. 8 *(Shakers)*.

Summer term taught by S. Jeanette Forest, assisted by Asenith Stickney. Number of weeks, 16; number of pupils 25; average attendance, 23; wages per month, $24. We are pleased to report a good school, a faithful devotion on the teacher's part, and a ready response by the pupils.

Winter term taught by Edna E. Fitts, assisted by Agnes E. Newton. This school has also been successful, and a steady improvement is manifest. The pupils are young, but show results of earnest efforts and careful teaching. Number of weeks, 15; number of pupils, 25; average attendance, 24; wages per month, $26.

Nicholas A. Briggs.

District No. 9 *(Union)*.

This school is reported in London.

Chas. F. Jones.

District No. 10 *(Depot)*.

Number of weeks, 10; number of pupils, 14; average attendance, 13; wages per month, $27.09. This district had but one term, taught by John Pickard. The school began the last week in November, and closed the first week in February; this arrangement gave the large scholars a good opportunity not only to attend the school, but also to be more punctual in their attendance than at any other season of the year. There were but two very small scholars, and they were so near the schoolroom that they could very conveniently attend. To say that this school was in every particular a marked success, is saying no more than was expected, knowing as we did the success Mr.

Pickard had met in the school he taught previously in this district. The deportment of the school was almost without a fault. The order was as near perfect as any we ever witnessed. Whatever others may think, we are quite sanguine that our school money during the past two years has been better expended than for many years previous; and we would recommend a return to the old-time school practice, so as to have a male teacher a portion of the year. The services of female teachers cannot be dispensed with; many of them are the most efficient instructors; but it is thought by some that it is a great mistake that the male teacher is entirely ignored in the instruction of youth, as has become the practice in nearly all of our schools.

D. M. Clough.

District No. 11 *(Upper Interval)*.

One term of 11 weeks taught by Miss Melissa T. Virgin of Warner. Number of pupils, 10; average attendance, 8; wages per month, $20. Miss Virgin is a thorough, hard-working teacher, and good improvement was made. The order and exercises at the close were excellent.

Emma L. Colby.

District No. 12 *(Carter)*.

One term of 8 weeks taught by Mrs. Henry S. Pickard. Number of pupils, 13; average attendance, 9; wages per month, $20. We visited the school at the commencement, and flattered ourselves with the hope of a successful term; but from some unknown cause the teacher lost control of her pupils, and the order was not what it should have been. However, some improvement was made in nearly all of the branches taught.

W. W. Wheeler.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Pupils who have been neither absent nor tardy.

No 1, Summer.
Minnie O. Gilman,
Sara A. Colby,
Geo. W. Nudd.

Winter Term.
Minnie O. Gilman,
Sara A. Colby,
Cora E. Moulton.

No 2, Summer.
Lena M. Avery.

Winter Term.
Etta M. Randall.

No 3, Summer.
Joey S. Morrill,
John H. Morrill.

No 4, Winter.
Lizzie S. Adams,
Cora J. Adams,
Belle F. Davis,
Lura J. Glines.

No 5, Fall.
Mamie S. Jones,
Laura M. Foster,
Emma F. Pickard,
Jos. W. Pickard,
Geo. R. Foster,
Jona. B. Foster,
Charlie T. Foster,
Francis P. Cass.

Winter Term.
Mamie S. Jones,
Everett W. Whipple,
Henry C. Pickard,
Geo. R. Foster,
Geo. J. Sargent.

No 6, Summer.
Nora M. Dow,
Mary A. Dow.

No. 7, Summer.
Cora J. Kilton,
Josie M. Brown,
Almon J. Small,
Fred H. Brown.

Fall Term.
Josie M. Brown,
Fred H. Brown,
Joey H. Houser,
Alpheus Cody.

Winter Term.
Josie M. Brown,
Lizzie M. Houser,
Fred H. Brown,
Joey H. Houser,
Alpheus Cody.

No. 8, Summer.
Florence L. Walker,

Celia Havens,
Emma Wilson,
Lizzie Horton,
Maria Merrill,
Emma B. King,
Ida Lackey.

Winter Term.

Solomon Aaron,
Frank Case,
Carl Fitts,
Charlie Gustin,
Harry Horton,
Isaac Mansfield,
Emil Mansfield,
Albert Sarle,
Elma Sarle,
Forrest White,
Everett White.

No 10, Winter.

Clara Pickard,
Frank M. Pickard,
Leroy A. Glines.

No. 12, Fall.

Moses Duncklee.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Fellow Citizens: From what knowledge we have been able to obtain by personal observation and other sources, we judge that our schools, taken together, are in as good standing as usual. Some, no doubt, fall short, while others are in advance both in point of order and in scholarship.

In order to have successful schools, it is necessary to employ *good teachers.* This responsibility rests upon the prudential committees, and they cannot be too careful in their selections. They should take into consideration not only education, but also capacity to govern, former success, and *moral character.* The practice of placing a person in charge of a school on account of friendship, to gain pecuniary advantage, or for *any* purely personal motive, *ought not to be tolerated.*

Some teachers have a loose habit of filling out their registers, which causes considerable trouble in making out reports. We would call the attention of prudential committees to the following statute:

"Every teacher, at the close of his school and at the end of each term thereof, SHALL make a return of such register or record to the school committee of the town, who shall give to him a certificate thereof; and NO TEACHER shall receive payment for his services until such certificate is produced and delivered to the prudential committee." General Laws, chap. 89, sec. 16.

We cannot close our remarks without noticing the defective committee system under which our schools have labored during the past year. We consider that a committee of twelve persons is the most defective system that can be adopted; a committee of three is somewhat better, yet some of the same faults exist here as with the twelve; a committee of one person we believe to be the only true system; for we do not and cannot have reports by which we can ascertain the comparative standing of our schools and the capacity of their teachers unless we

have one person to examine them all, because different persons do not agree in their tastes, and their reports are not alike. When twelve persons compose a committee, there seems to be a lack of that feeling of responsibility which is essential in order to do effective work. Fortunately, nothing has transpired during the past year to render it absolutely necessary to call a meeting of the full board, which, by the way, consists of ten members. If there had, whether such a result could have been brought about is a question that we must leave unanswered. Twice it was attempted to call them together to organize; but instead of accomplishing that object, our present organization was effected with less than half that number; and it is well known to some of our citizens, that the decision of a question of district boundary had to be postponed simply because it was deemed next to impossible to call the committee together to act upon it. If this system was adopted from principles of economy, it seems to come with rather a bad grace that Canterbury, with all her numerous outlays for other things and her boasting to build up education, should lower herself enough to raise the smallest sum of money the law allows for the support of schools, and go begging after a committee. A maxim, as wise as it is ancient, tells us that "what is worth having is worth paying for;" therefore, if our schools are worth attending to at all, it follows that we had better have them attended to by some *competent person*, and then pay him for his work.

We mention these facts, hoping that those persons who have children, and are consequently interested in the welfare of our schools, and those persons who have no children and are not bound up in selfishness, will be roused to action when the schools are considered, and adopt a proper method. Moreover, we hope that no one will give ear to the argument that the duties are too numerous to be performed by a single individual, for one person has done the work in former years, and unless Canterbury has been on the retrograde, the same can be done now. The system has been adopted in many other towns, and let us not be in the rear.

Respectfully submitted.

CHAS. F. JONES,
Chairman of Supt. School Com.

Feb. 24, 1882.

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